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COURSE C-4D-2010

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1. REFTEL, WHICH CAME AS SURPRISE TO EMBASSY, INDICATED
THAT BEGINNING WITH FY-78, PRESENT PROGRAMMING FOR SUBJECT
COURSE INCLUDED ONLY FOUR WORLD-WIDE FOREIGN STUDENT QUOTAS
PER YEAR, PERHAPS DENYING GOK UTILIZATION OF COURSE IN
FUTURE.

2. SUMMARY OF KAF AMO COURSE UTILIZATION TO DATE IS:
A. PRIOR FY-74, TOTAL AVIATION TECHNICAL TRAINING
RECEIVED FROM UNITED KINGDOM OR PAKISTAN.
B. FY-74 FORTY-NINE AVIATION TECHNICAL TRAINING TRACKS
WITH US AIR FORCE
C. FY-75 TWENTY SIX AMO COURSE QUOTAS WITH US NAVY
D. FY-76 SIXTY THREE AMO COURSE QUOTAS WITH US NAVY
E. FY-77 TWENTY ONE PROGRAMMED AMO COURSE QUOTAS WITH
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US NAVY. (THE QUOTAS WERE SUBMITTED DURING THE
5 MAY 76 CINCEUR FY-77 ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE,
AND APPEARED IN THE DOD-DSAA KUWAIT DETAILED LISTING
FOR FY-77).

F. FY-78 TWENTY AMO COURSE QUOTAS WITH US NAVY. THIS
REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO CINCEUR FOR
PROGRAMMING DURING THE 3 MAY FY-78 ANNUAL TRAINING

CONFERENCE.

3. EMBASSY CONCURS IN WSLO'S ASSESSMENT THAT THE KAF WILL CONTINUE TO REQUEST US TRAINING TO FULFILL ANNUAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS, BARRING UNFORESEEN POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. INITIAL KUWAITI AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFICER TRAINING BY USG WAS WITH THE USAF, AS NOTED ABOVE, BUT SINCE THEN NAVY COURSES HAVE BEEN USED. THE GOK MOD HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY IN WRITING THAT IT HAS BEEN PLEASED WITH SUBSEQUENT NAVY TRAINING, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE MOD HAS CONCLUDED THAT NAVY TRAINING FAR MORE USEFUL FOR, AND ADAPTED TO, THE UNSOPHISTICATED, MANUAL KUWAITI AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PROGRAM THAN WAS USAF TRAINING. ALSO, FROM WSLO'S OWN OBSERVATION OF KUWAITI GRADUATES OF BOTH COURSES, HE HAS NOTED THAT THE NAVY COURSES HAVE PROVIDED BETTER SKILLS FOR THE SPECIFIC KINDS OF DIRECT SUPERVISION OF SHOP/AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE WHICH KUWAITI OFFICERS ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SUDDEN CURTAILMENT OF KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE USG AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE COURSE FOR YOUNG OFFICERS IS UNWISE BECAUSE:

A. IT DENIES TO THE GOK KEY USG TRAINING SUPPORT FOR AIRCRAFT PURCHASES FROM THE USG, WHICH THE MOD HAD BEEN COUNTING ON AS THE SOURCE OF BADLY NEEDED TRAINING FOR AIR MAINTENANCE OFFICERS. (THE GOK NOW HAS MORE AIRCRAFT THAN IT CAN ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN AND US DELIVERIES HAVE ONLY BEGUN.)

B. IT DENIES THE US THE CONTINUING OPPORTUNITY FOR MAINTAINING ACCESS TO AND INFLUENCE OVER AN OFFICER CADET CORPS

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COMPRISED LARGELY OF YOUNG MEN FROM INFLUENTIAL KUWAITI FAMILIES, INCLUDING THE RULING FAMILY, WHOSE TRAINING EXPERIENCES IN THE US SHOULD HAVE A POSITIVE, LONG TERM EFFECT BENEFICIAL TO BROADER US INTERESTS IN KUWAIT.

5. EMBASSY APPRECIATES THE US NAVY'S EFFORT, IDENTIFIED IN REFTEL, TO PROVIDE FOR THE FY-76 KUWAIT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. FY-77, FY-78 AND FUTURE FY REQUIREMENTS FOR AVIATION TECHNICAL TRAINING, WILL BE ON PROGRAMMED BASIS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF NAVY POLICY OUTLINED REFTEL WOULD BE REVIEWED AND AN ANNUAL REQUIREMENT FOR 20 AMO COURSE QUOTAS FOR THE 3RD QTR BE PROGRAMMED FOR KUWAIT.

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